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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/566,080	Applicant(s) KLEY-BOSLER, ANTON	
	Examiner DAVID BANH	Art Unit 2854	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 20-38 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group 1, claim(s) 20, 21 and 31-32, drawn to a pad printing press with a rotary indexing table that has a cam for actuating movement of a slide.

Group 2, claim(s) 20 and 22, drawn to a pad printing press with a slide that is rigidly coupled to a rotary indexing table in the direction of rotation.

Group 3, claim(s) 20 and 23-26, drawn to a pad printing press characterized in that a pad drive independent of the rotary indexing table is provided.

Group 4, claim(s) 20 and 27-29, drawn to a pad printing press characterized in that a slide has a longitudinal guide for a guide rod of the pad.

Group 5, claim(s) 20 and 30, drawn to a printing press characterized in that the slide with the inking device and pad can be excused as a module.

Group 6, claim(s) 20 and 33-34, drawn to a printing press characterized in that the press is a multicolor printing press.

Group 7, claim(s) 20 and 35, drawn to a pad printing press characterized in that an inking station, an ink collection station, an ink transfer station and a cleaning station are provided for the pad..

Group 8, claim(s) 20 and 36-37, drawn to a pad printing press characterized in that the distance covered by the pad is adjustable.

Group 9, claim(s) 20 and 38, drawn to a pad printing press characterized in that the rotary indexing table is reversible drivable.

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It also appears that claim 32 should be amended to depend upon claim 31 as opposed to claim 21, as it invokes the epsilon shaped section that has no antecedent basis is claim 21, but instead is discussed in dependent claim 31.

2. Inventions of Groups 1-9 are directed to related products. The related inventions are distinct if: (1) the inventions as claimed are either not capable of use together or can have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect; (2) the inventions do not overlap in scope, i.e., are mutually exclusive; and (3) the inventions as claimed are not obvious variants. See MPEP § 806.05(j). In the instant case, the inventions as claimed are not obvious variants. Furthermore, the inventions as claimed do not encompass overlapping subject matter and there is nothing of record to show them to be obvious variants.

3. Claim 20 link(s) inventions of Groups 1-9. The restriction requirement over the linked inventions is **subject to** the nonallowance of the linking claim(s), claim 20. Upon the indication of allowability of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions **shall** be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be rejoined and fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104 **Claims that require all the limitations of an allowable linking claim** will be entered as a matter of right if the amendment is presented prior to final rejection or allowance, whichever is earlier. Amendments submitted after final rejection are governed by 37 CFR 1.116; amendments submitted after allowance are governed by 37 CFR 1.312.

Applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, the allowable linking claim,

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such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Where a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

It is believed that Wang Man (GB 2,305,633) included with this restriction discloses all of the technical features claimed in linking claim 20. Wang Man teaches a pad printing press **2** comprising a rotary indexing table **20** with two plates **4** having inking devices **16** and 18 arranged on plates movable in a radial direction on the plate (see Figure 6B) between a rest position and an inking position. It teaches a pad **10** movable in the vertical direction (**24** adjusts the high of the apparatus) characterized in that the pad and the inking device are fastened to a radially movable slide **8** and **22**.

4. A telephone call was not made as the applicant and attorney both have foreign phone numbers and an election via telephone does not appear to be likely.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID BANH whose telephone number is (571)270-3851. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 9:30AM-8PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571)272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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